

## Bring Your Rules Book Up To Date

Listed below are all the changes and additions in the rules approved by the Board of Governors since the current 1951 edition of the Rules Book was printed. It is suggested that you make the necessary corrections on your copy.

### (4) Membership Rules

#### Page 5

Par. 1—Membership in the AFLA is open to residents or citizens of the U.S. who are genuinely interested in the development of amateur competitive fencing. There are six classes of membership: Honorary, Life, Active, Collegiate, Student and Associate. All classes except Associate have equal rights to participate in AFLA competitions; the rights of Honorary, Student and Associate members to participate in the management of the League are subject to Constitutional restrictions.

Par. 2—Delete first word, "Senior," and change "Active members" to "Collegiate." Add: Honorary, Life and Associate memberships have no age restriction. Associate members are non-competitors and need not be amateurs.

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Par. 1—Change third sentence to read: "Such enrollment as a provisional member carries full rights of the particular class of membership until the next meeting of the Board of Governors. . . ."

Par. 2—Change last sentence to read: "The basic annual dues for 1954-1955 are \$6.00 for Active members, \$4.00 for Collegiate members, \$3.00 for Associate members and \$2.00 for Student members."

Par. 3—Change end of first sentence to read: "As part of their membership." Delete "Senior" at beginning of third sentence.

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Par. 5—Insert "amateur" as the second word of first sentence.

### RULES

#### Page 17

**Rule 14 (b)**—Change "All Eastern" to "North Atlantic," and add at end of rule: "Other interdivisional championships shall have the same classification as a Divisional Championship (see Rule 9, d).

#### Page 22

**Rule 28 (c)**—(New)—Every entry certifies its eligibility for the particular event.

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**Rule 59 (New)** — The rules covering withdrawals shall not apply to cases where an ineligible fencer has competed. All bouts fenced by an ineligible entry shall be cancelled and the results of the pool or competition shall be determined accordingly.

#### Page 45

**Rule 61** — Substitute the following: "There shall be no limitation on the number of team entries from a club unless a specific limit is fixed by the local governing body. Members of two or more teams representing the same organization may not be interchanged during a competition."

**Rule 63 (a)** — Add: "The individuals whose names are submitted shall certify their eligibility to compete."

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**Rule 76 (c)**—(New) "The above rules shall not apply to ineligible entries (see Rule 79)."

**Rule 78** — Number present Rule "78 (a)" and make present Rule 79 "78 (b)."

**Rule 79 (New)**—"A team using an ineligible fencer shall forfeit the match or matches in which such member participated and in the event that the competition, or any part thereof, is re-fenced the team and all its members shall be barred from participation."

#### Page 51

**Rule 81 (a)**—Change from second sentence on to read: "In exceptional cases, subject to approval by the Board of Governors, a member of the AFLA may be permitted to qualify from a division other than the one to which he belongs if he was physically unable to compete in his qualifying competition, had earned qualification from his division in the qualifying competition of the previous season, and obtains the consent of the Executive Committee of the division from which he seeks to qualify. No individual who has for the same season unsuccessfully attempted to qualify in a divisional or nondivisional qualifying competition shall be permitted to qualify by any other method.

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**Rule 82 (a)** — Delete all after "determined" in third line and substitute: "(1) by the competitive membership (Life, Active, Collegiate, Student) in good standing in the division or non-divisional group at the time of the competition, and (2) by the number of fencers actually competing for qualification. The minimum number of qualifiers shall be three if there are 25 or less competitive members in good standing; four if there are 26 to 50 inclusive; five if there are 51 to 100 inclusive; six if there are 101 or more. Additional qualifiers shall be permitted if there are 14 or more actual competitors in the qualifying competition, as follows: 10 to 19 competitors (inclusive), two additional qualifiers; 20 to 29 inclusive, three additional qualifiers; 30 to 39 inclusive, four additional qualifiers; 40 or more, five additional qualifiers. In other words, three shall be the minimum, and eleven the maximum that shall be allowed to qualify from any divisional or non-divisional competition.

**Rule 82 (b)**—Delete "four or less" on second line and substitute: "less than the minimum established by membership."

**Rule 82 (d)**—Delete all except last sentence and substitute: "Additional representation shall be afforded on the basis of proven strength by permitting the following to **qualify automatically** for the championship tournament in each weapon, without taking part in the qualifying competitions and without reducing the number of other qualifiers from the division or non-divisional group to which they belong: the finalists of the previous national championships in each weapon; all former national champions in each weapon; members of the U.S. Olympic Fencing Team selected not more than four years prior to the championship tournament,

in the weapon fenced; current Sectional Champions in each weapon; fencers of Veteran classification (aged 50 or more) who have been national championship medalists or members of a U.S. Olympic Fencing Team."

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**Rule 87** — Change first paragraph to: "Unless otherwise specifically announced in the schedule, the first round of the championship competitions, team and individual, shall be held by the round-robin or pool method but byes may be given at the discretion of the Bout Committee."

**Rule 87 (d)**—Change to read: "In all rounds of the national individual championship, qualification shall be determined on the basis of bout victories. If two or more fencers are tied for the last qualifying place on the basis of bout victories there shall be a fence-off. If after a fence-off there is still a tie in bout victories, the tie shall be resolved by counting touches, and the touch score in the original pool shall be added to the touch score of the fence-off to determine the relative standing of the fencers involved. The bout and touch scores among the qualifiers from the same pool may be used to determine their comparative standing for the purpose of seeding the following round."

**Page 56**

**Rule 90 (c)** — Delete the quotation marks.

**Rule 90 (d)** — "The North Atlantic Championships are open to all divisions east of the state of Ohio and north of the state of North Carolina."

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**Rule 95**—Change "one month" to "sixteen days."

**Rule 95 (a)**—"Participation is limited to the divisions which are members of the Midwest Section and to such other divisions and individuals as may be invited by the Midwest Executive Committee."

**Rule 96**—Delete. New rules will be drawn up for North Atlantic Championships.

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**Rule 220** — "The mesh and bib of the mask, and for sabre all parts of the mask liable to come in contact with the opponent's blade (mesh, bib, reinforcements, straps and sides), and the front surface of the visor (which, if used, must always be placed within the mask) must be white or very light ecru in color. On the other hand, the inside surface of the mask and bib, the back spring and, in foil and epee the outside trimming may be of any color whatsoever."

**Page 96**

**Rule 523**—Insert after second sentence: "When the bout is prolonged in this manner the contestants shall go on guard at the places they occupied on the strip when the time fixed for the bout expired."

**Rule 525** — Insert before the last sentence: "When the bout is prolonged in this manner the contestants shall go on guard at the places they occupied on the strip when the time fixed for the bout expired."

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**Rule 601**—"The Bout Committee for all A.F.L.A. events shall consist of members of the League in good standing. If professional Associate members serve on the Committee they may not participate in the seeding of pools."

**Rule 603** — Add: "The Director and Judges in official A.F.L.A. competitions shall be amateurs in good standing except that for divisional or non-divisional competitions a jury may contain one or more non-amateur members of the League if such a decision is made by affirmative action of the appropriate governing body."

**Rule 608**—"In team matches, the Director and Judges shall not be members or teachers of either club\* participating in the match."

**Rule 609** — "In individual events, the Director and Judges should not belong to the same club\* as or be the teachers of either contestant. For practical reasons, however, final decision in this matter as regards amateur officials rests solely with the Bout Committee."